

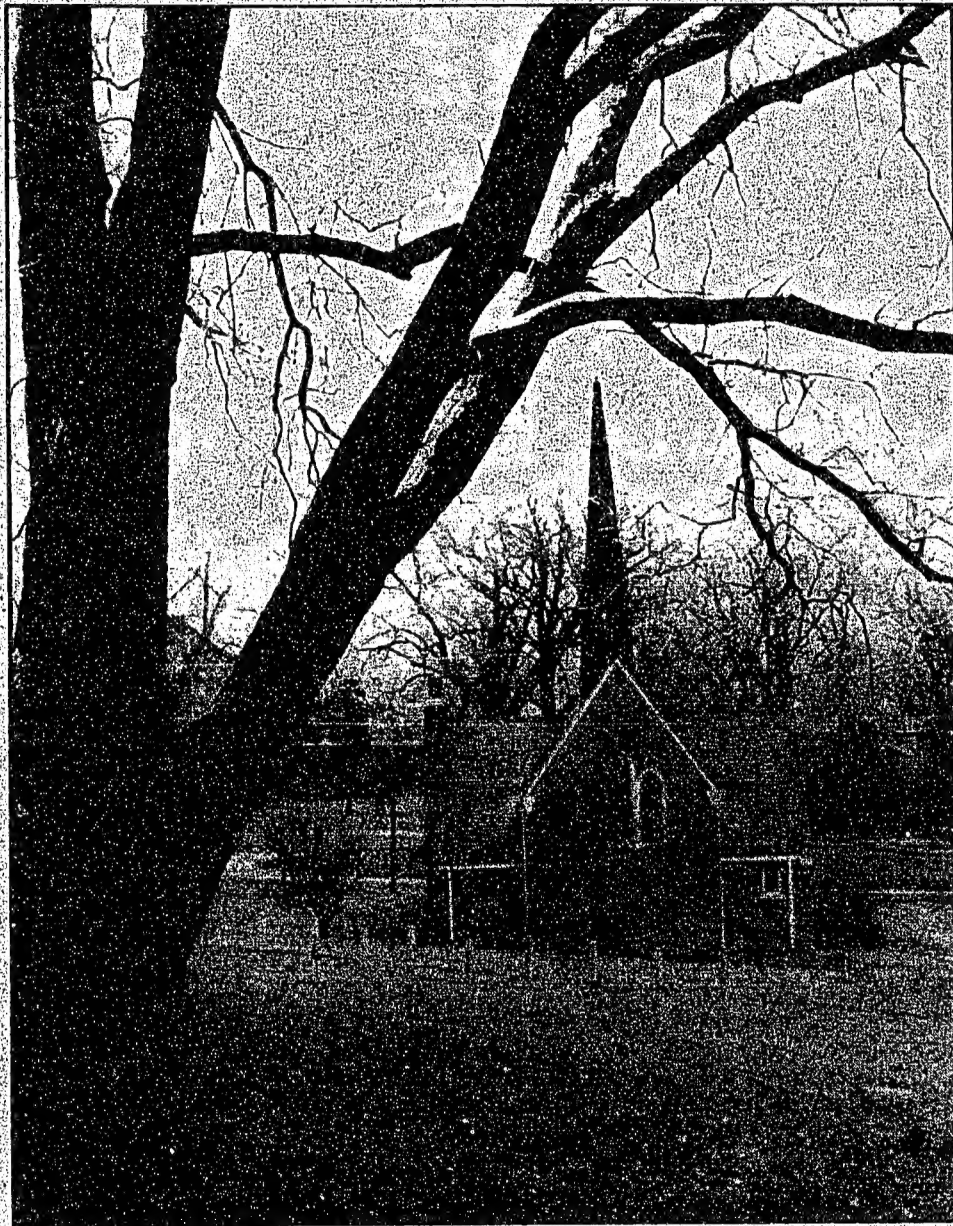
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Pastoral

Nestled within the Brownell Hall Talbot School campus, 400 N. Happy Hollow Blvd., this small church looks as if it belongs along a country road in New Hampshire rather than in the heart of Omaha.
The building to the left, partially obscured by the tree, houses classrooms for the school.

Mandery wins run-off; last day voting credited

By Joe Clauson

Student Government treasurer Ray Mandery will succeed Florene Langford as UNO student president/regent in January.

Mandery defeated former Student Sen. Eric Whitner 507-381 in a run-off election held Nov. 16-18.

Mandery, a 33-year-old business administration major, attributed his victory, in part, to last-minute campaigning on Nov. 18. He said he talked with "maybe a couple hundred" students in the Student Center.

Discovering that many students hadn't voted, Mandery said he told them that he was concerned about the issues facing UNO. This may have influenced students to vote, Mandery added.

Election Commission statistics indicate that Mandery outpolled Whitner 183-102 on the last day of balloting.

The run-off was required when Whitner failed to achieve a 10 percent margin of victory, as required by the Board of Regents, in the first election. Whitner defeated Mandery 323-237, a margin of 8 percent.

Whitner said the "lack of ability to campaign as actively as Mandery" contributed to his defeat in the run-off. He also said his schoolwork prevented him from visiting classes to campaign, as he did in the October elections.

Renee Duke, chief administrative officer of Student Government, said she was surprised by the large turnout of voters (895) in the run-off.

More students voted in the run-off than in the regular 1981 student elections, she said. The figure of 895 also compares to the 1,024 students who voted in last month's elections.

Mandery said he never considered himself the underdog, even though he finished second in the first election. He said he was confident he could win because the first vote was split among four candidates.

Mandery said he spent \$56 during the run-off campaign. Whitner said he spent "maybe \$16."

Securing a vote for student regents will be a top priority, Mandery said. Voting privileges would allow student members of the board to have more impact on issues, he added.

In addition, Mandery said he will work closely with the UNO administration. "I want to work with the administration to benefit students," he said. "Students want to get the best education possible and the administration wants to deliver the best. Everybody wants the same thing."

Of the 895 votes cast, six were voided. There was one write-in, for Suzie Peopke.

Neither candidate said he had any complaints about how the run-off was organized. However, there was a complaint filed against Whitner by Greg Mertz, former speaker of the senate.

According to Mertz, Whitner violated an Election Commission rule concerning placement of signs and posters in the Student Center.

The election rules state that "each candidate may post no more than four posters" on any floor of each university building. Mertz said that about 20 Whitner posters per floor were posted in the Student Center.

The complaint was verified by Election Commissioner Terri Barna-Pitzl, and the commission met Nov. 18 to decide what sanctions to apply.

Violation of election commission rules is punishable by any or all of the following:

- a written reprimand
- a fine of up to \$50
- prohibiting the candidate involved from campaigning for a specified period of time
- prohibiting the name of the candidate from appearing on the ballot, or declaring the candidate ineligible for Student Government office.

Barna-Pitzl said, however, that the violation really "wasn't anything serious." She said the commission voted to send Whitner a letter of reprimand.

Since Mandery won the run-off election, Mertz said he would not press the issue any further.

'New Kremlin leader faces major domestic problems'

By Joseph Brennan

Members of a UNO panel discussion generally agreed that new Soviet Communist Party Secretary Yuri Andropov is unlikely to make any major changes in current Kremlin policy.

Although there were minor differences, panel members characterized the government of the Soviet Union as being in transition since the death of Leonid Brezhnev. Others said that if Andropov consolidates his power, and depending on his appointments to key government posts, there would be a slight relaxation of current Soviet domestic policy.

Panel members included Walter Bacon, assistant professor of political science at UNO and an expert on Soviet and East European politics; Joong-Gun Chung, associate professor of political science, who spoke primarily on Chinese-Soviet relations; Andris Skreija, assistant professor of sociology; Jacqueline St. John, a professor of Russian history at UNO; and Omaha attorney Wally Johnson, a specialist on Soviet trade who spoke on the prospects for the Russian economy under Andropov.

The discussion, sponsored by Pi Gamma Mu (a social sciences honors society at UNO), attracted about 45 people to the Student Center Gallery Room on Nov. 22.

St. John began the discussion by describing Andropov as "a very, very tough man" likely to be a hard-line Stalinist who won't tolerate dissent.

"Any man who emerges from the KGB has to be extra tough," said St. John, referring to Andropov's leadership as head of the Soviet state police from 1967 until early this year.

Skreija said he doesn't foresee any fundamental changes in the Soviet Union "at least until the political dust settles." He predicted "a period of stasis" in the country for at least the next five years, depending on whether Andropov can maintain power.

In that regard, Skreija said restriction of information — such as telegrams and publications — to the West is likely to continue, as well as travel restrictions within the country. He

also said that Soviet policies of expansionism and repression of religious minorities will continue, "regardless of who is in charge."

The Andropov government also will face numerous problems in the years ahead, according to Skreija. These problems include a poor economy, large expenditures for the military, and a declining birth rate. In addition, a large Moslem population located in the central part of the country is increasingly sympathetic to the Islamic movement in the Middle East, which is anti-Soviet, Skreija said.

Bureaucrat

Bacon said he disagreed with St. John's emphasis on Andropov's ties to the KGB. Describing him as "a faithful bureaucrat in the central Soviet bureaucracy" and a member of the Politburo since 1973, Bacon said Andropov succeeded Secretary of Ideology Mikhail Suslov, known as the party hard-liner, in January.

Additionally, he said Andropov's leadership of the KGB has relevance only in that "he was the keeper of the keys of the closets" where party skeletons are buried.

A more interesting question, according to Bacon, is who will fill vacancies in the party secretariat and Politburo under Andropov.

Bacon described Andropov as having "less parochial development" than Brezhnev. Andropov has traveled more and is better educated — in the sense of being worldly — than his predecessor, he added.

Andropov has to consolidate his rule before he can make any changes in Soviet policy, Bacon said, and the people he elevates to positions of power will be good indicators of whether, for example, the government attempts economic reforms.

De-centralization of the Soviet economy, if it comes at all, will be a "painfully slow" process, according to Johnson. Since weapons are the only "worthy" items produced for export, he said, the rest of the Soviet economy is "five to 50 years behind

us."

For example, Johnson outlined the structure of the Soviet agricultural system. He said there are three levels of farming in the country: State-owned farms, which are the least efficient and productive; collective farms, which are more autonomous but suffer from "archaic farm equipment"; and private plots owned by peasants, which take up about 1 to 1½ percent of the arable land.

The latter level of farming, however, is the most productive, according to Johnson, because it produces 10 percent of the country's grain and 30 percent of its vegetables, among other items.

Energy

Another aspect of the faltering Soviet economy is the dependence on Western technology for development of energy. Johnson said the Soviet Union has "almost unlimited natural resources," but lacks the technology to develop and export energy products.

The Soviet economy, which Johnson said subsidized Eastern Europe by about \$24 billion last year, is becoming increasingly strained because Western banks are calling loans and forcing defaults by some Warsaw Pact members.

Johnson said that Andropov is likely to be more cautious about economic aid to countries in the future, and will try to "target money to those who tow the Soviet line."

Chung said both China and the Soviet Union have a common desire to reconcile differences at present. The Chinese, however, have set three difficult pre-conditions, Chung said. These include Russian withdrawal from Afghanistan, Vietnamese withdrawal from Cambodia, and withdrawal of Soviet troops from the Chinese border.

Chung said the Soviets might agree in part to the latter. He also said that the Sino-Soviet rift dates to 1958. The Chinese Communists, he added, are usually careful and realistic

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Amnesty International may form UNO chapter

By Chris Mangel

Members of the Omaha branch of Amnesty International hope to create enough student interest to begin a UNO chapter of the organization.

Acting coordinator of the Omaha office, 26-year-old UNO student Andrew Jilani, said he and about 20 active members are attempting to attract new members by "trying to make people aware of what Amnesty International is."

According to the group's literature, Amnesty International is "a worldwide human rights movement which works impartially for the release of prisoners of conscience: men and women detained anywhere for their beliefs, color, ethnic origin, sex, religion or language, provided they have neither used nor advocated violence."

Amnesty International was founded in 1961, and the Omaha chapter was formed in 1970. The organization won a Nobel Peace Prize for its work in 1977.

That work consisted mainly of writing letters to prisoners' families and to governments of countries which are holding prisoners.

Jilani said that his own experience proves

that the letterwriting works. His brother was released from a Pakistani prison mainly because a German branch of Amnesty International wrote letters to the government of Pakistan, he said.

His brother, Peter Zafari-Jilani, was imprisoned by the government for six months because he distributed pamphlets that were critical of the military regime in power.

The Jilani-family had given up hope for his release because the offense "was so serious," Jilani said. He said if Amnesty International had not acted on his brother's behalf, Peter might still be in prison.

His brother received a visa and a plane ticket from Amnesty International to fly to Germany, where he is now living.

At about the same time his brother was set free, Jilani was being sought by the Pakistani police.

While his brother was in prison, Jilani distributed the same pamphlets for which his brother had been imprisoned.

Jilani decided to attempt to leave the country. He didn't decide a day too early.

The day after he fled his family's home, government undercover agents were put on 24-hour surveillance outside his home.

Even though he was on the government's "wanted" list, Jilani said, he managed to secure a visa to Canada.

Jilani said he still remembers the day he left Pakistan.

It was a 120-degree day in June 1979, when, armed with a plane ticket to Canada and some cash to bribe officials, he went to the airport.

"The whole time I was at the airport," Jilani said, "I was thinking someone would come up and say, 'Hey you, where are you going?'"

Jilani said he cautiously approached an immigration official. He took out his cash and said to the official, "Hey man, keep this money and let me go."

The official looked at him sympathetically, Jilani said, took the money, and allowed him to board the Dutch Airlines 747 jetliner.

"I was relieved when the plane took off," he said.

Jilani attended school in Canada for about three months. He then went to Lincoln, where he earned his business administration degree at UNL. He came to Omaha a year ago and Jilani has applied for political asylum in the United States.

Amnesty International has written several

letters to the government suggesting that it grant him asylum, Jilani said. He said that he would not be safe if he returned to Pakistan.

As he awaits and hopes for political asylum, Jilani attends UNO and works for the local chapter of Amnesty International. Jilani said he would like to see more UNO students involved in the organization.

The group plans to recognize "Human Rights Day" on Dec. 10 at the Central Park Mall, Jilani said. Group members will place a large candle inside barbed wire at the ceremony. Jilani said the candle is a symbol of hope for those imprisoned.

If 10 or 15 UNO students demonstrate interest in working for Amnesty International, he said, the group would consider forming a campus chapter.

"I am trying to make students more conscientious about human rights in other countries," said Jilani. "We (Amnesty International) would like them to be concerned about the fate of others."

The Omaha chapter meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the W. Dale Clark Library, 215 S. 15th St., at 7:30 p.m. "We encourage students to come to the meetings," Jilani said. There are no membership fees.

Liddy: the American people are living lives of illusion

By Anne Pritchard Walsh

Some of the posters heralding his arrival at UNO billed him as the "Watergate mastermind." But Watergate was the last thing addressed by G. Gordon Liddy as he spoke to more than 900 people at the Student Center on Nov. 17.

"So much is going so wrong for the U.S.," said Liddy. "Things are going wrong because the American people live lives of illusion," he added.

He said the biggest illusion shared by the American people is that the United States enjoys military parity with the Soviet Union.

"That is nonsense," said Liddy.

Citing numerous statistics comparing U.S. and Soviet military strength and capability, Liddy said the only area of U.S. superiority is in submarine-launched missiles.

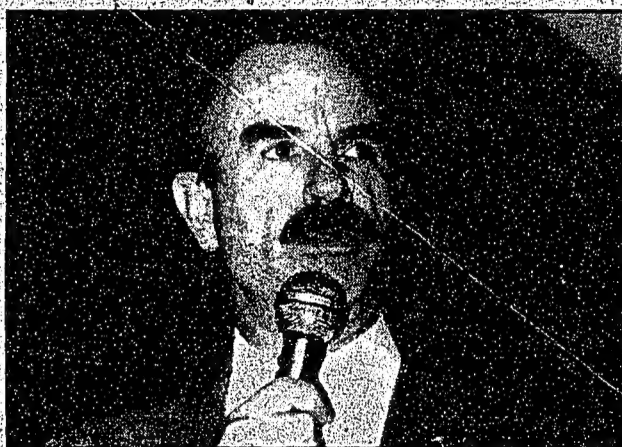
According to Liddy, 50 percent of U.S. aircraft are "incapable of flight," and B-52 bombers "have all the speed of Frontier Airlines."

Liddy sharply criticized former CIA Director Stansfield Turner, who fired 816 "top operations directors" during the Carter administration.

"The CIA's been decimated," said Liddy. "Spies are our eyes and ears. Without them we are blind and deaf."

Liddy, who was the attorney for former President Nixon's re-election committee, said 15 allied countries have excluded the U.S. from their intelligence information networks because of constant leaks through the FBI and the CIA.

Another illusion, according to Liddy, is that someone is in



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Liddy... "spies are our eyes and ears."

charge of the nation's economy.

"The vast majority believe somebody in Washington is controlling the budget. The federal budget is out of control," he said. "There is nobody with the power and authority to control it."

Liddy said the federal deficit is so large that it accumulates an interest rate of \$20 million every hour.

Liddy's two-hour talk was punctuated with dry cynicism

that drew laughs and frequent applause from the large audience. He received a loud cheer when he observed, "Someone gave the order to U.S. Marines guarding the embassy (during the Iranian hostage crisis) not to shoot. It is my belief that of those (Iranians) first climbing the wall — if U.S. Marines had blown them back over, the others would not have been so eager to follow."

He limited his comments concerning his involvement in the Watergate break-in, however. Liddy said the two break-ins at the Democratic National Committee headquarters during May and June of 1972 had nothing to do with national security or political intelligence gathering.

He said after five of his men had been detected and arrested, he and E. Howard Hunt took as much of the electronic surveillance equipment as they could while making their escape from another room in the Watergate apartment complex.

"But it didn't do much good," he said, "because one-and-a-half, two months later we were arrested."

During the 45-minute question-and-answer period following his talk, Liddy was asked if he felt betrayed by his co-workers in the Nixon administration.

"No, I knew what kind of people they were," he said. "You can't blame a dog for acting like a dog."

When asked if he felt any remorse for his part in the Watergate scandal, Liddy said, "Ultimately, each one of us is answerable to his or her own conscience. I have never doubted mine... You do what you have to do and you hope you're right."

News Briefs—

Campus Security announced last week that parking spaces along a driveway and in a lot immediately south of St. Margaret Mary's Church, 6116 Dodge St., are now available for student use.

Students are warned, however, that parking in church stalls "designated no UNO parking" may cause their vehicles to be impounded.

The UNO Publication Committee will meet Friday at 7:30 a.m. to appoint the editor of the Gateway for the spring semester.

The meeting will be held in Dining room A of the Student Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Andropov unlikely to make major changes

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about the possibility of relaxation of tensions between the two countries. Chug said the recent replacement of China's foreign and defense ministers may indicate the country is contemplating taking new initiatives with the Soviets, but that it is difficult to determine what they might be.

In a question and answer period, Bacon said another important component of future Soviet leadership is the emergence of younger party bureaucrats, mostly in their 40s, who grew up after World War II and the reign of Stalin. There is an age gap between the young bureaucrats and the ruling elite, Bacon said, because 25 million Russians were killed in World War II.

Bacon also said "we have to be somewhat pessimistic about

easing U.S.-Soviet relations" in the future because Andropov, in order to maintain power, will be suspicious. This characteristic fits the mold of most Soviet leaders, he said, because they are traditionally "paranoid" about the U.S.

On the subject of nuclear arms reductions, Bacon said talks in Geneva between the superpowers may yield results "sooner or later." But because the Soviets have "a slight edge" in strategic weapons and a 3 or 4 to 1 advantage in conventional capability, progress is unlikely until the U.S. demonstrates it is willing to strengthen its defense. Although American nuclear weapons are qualitatively superior, Bacon said, the Soviets "won't deal with technology" at the negotiating table because they don't understand it.

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Comment

Reagan, Big Red fans reveal true character

Although we tucked our books away for a few days over the Thanksgiving break or perhaps took a small vacation, life still progressed unchanged on many fronts.

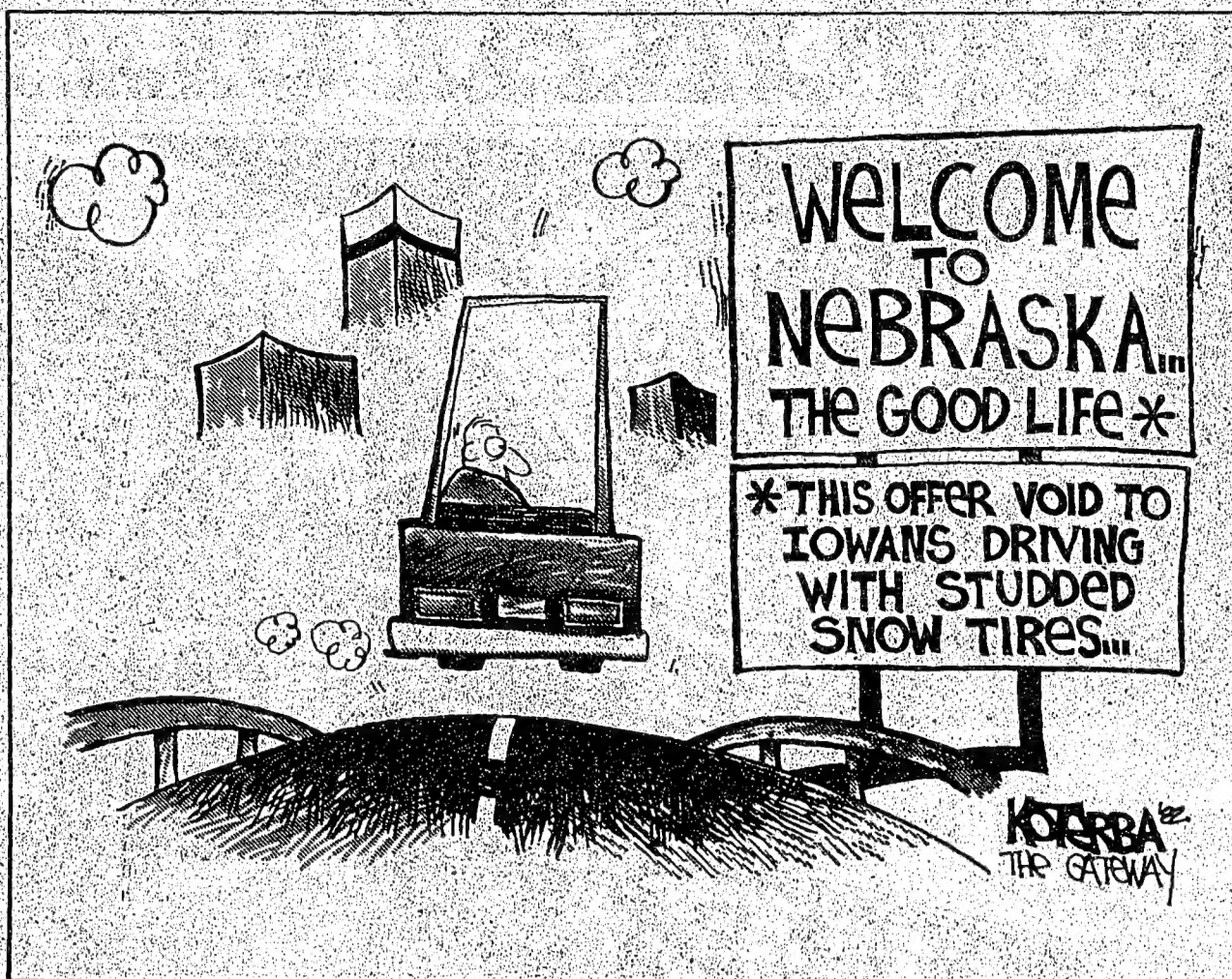
The president is still living in a simple world, and over-zealous sports fans still like to show how much class they lack. It is true that pre-publicity and extremely negative reaction probably will make the president's recent brainstorm die a painless death, but a moment of reflection should really make one wonder about who the president's men really are.

During our break the news wires gave us the shocking story that the Reagan administration was considering taxing unemployment benefits. With everything the president has done to undermine social programs, this lame idea is a topper for sure.

It appears that he, or at least those with whom he surrounds himself, think of the unemployed as hangers-on, dead weight. Why not tap this heretofore unmined resource, they think. The more we think on it, the more incensed we become.

We also would like to take this opportunity to commend quarterbacks Turner Gill and Kelly Phelps for their extraordinary performances last Friday. They showed a lot of class, which is, sadly, more than can be said of some Nebraska fans.

With only 26 seconds left to play in last Friday's game, thousands of fans stormed the field and later knocked down Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer. The unmitigated gall and rudeness of the fans is embarrassing to us and undermines the efforts of the men who play the game. Whether it stems from pure immaturity or excessive enthusiasm, the fans' actions do nothing but hurt their team, as was evidenced by the 15-yard penalty assessed against the Cornhuskers. We should not let Nebraska's victory cloud the fact that so many of the fans acted in a totally irresponsible and unsportsmanlike manner.



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'Silence' gives solace to oppressors

By Richard Meisler

In a previous column I described some aspects of what it is like for me to be a Jewish American. Like many others of my generation, I have been lucky enough to live a peaceful and comfortable life. Yet when I look into the recent past of my family or other members of my community, I encounter memories of horrible persecution, violence and death. Such a background is not, of course, unique to Jews, but we have our own special chapters of historical horror.

How does one relate to history of this sort? Does it confer obligations on a person?

I think that it does. Such a past suggests a stance in the present, a position with ethical, social and political content. Simply stated, one must remember, understand and therefore oppose bigotries of all kinds.

It is easy to forget. The years pass. Human psychology uses forgetfulness as a defense against horror. Moreover, the worst of today's persecutions are in distant lands. One must struggle to remember those events, even if they are in the past or are remote in space from our daily lives.

One must understand, but I don't think that the central point is profound or difficult. It amounts simply to this: Bigotry, no matter how stupid or crude, can kill people. Prejudice, racism, and hatred are matters of life and death. They are commonplace

in social interactions, and one cannot hope to eradicate them soon.

These forces can, perhaps unpredictably, spawn violence and murder at any moment. Bigoted views of other human beings, therefore, are always dangerous. We would be wise to accept it as a constant duty to oppose such thinking and feeling, never to ignore or acquiesce in them.

I believe that our country has serious shortcomings. Yet when we compare ourselves with the historical record of human societies and with contemporary societies elsewhere in the world, it is clear that we have a relatively open and free society. There are limits to our freedoms, but this does not deny the substantial realities of an open society in the United States.

Free of many of the great oppressions under which people have suffered, it is sometimes difficult to see dangerous imperfections in our society. A recent survey indicates that anti-Semitism has declined among Americans, but that one-third of those questioned still expressed prejudicial views against Jews. That is a high percentage. But Jews are not the most visible minority in our country.

One would expect that racism against blacks, Hispanics and other minorities might well be more virulent than anti-Semitism. It is realistic, therefore, to be clear about the fact that bigotry and prejudice are not uncommon among us. We would be wise to examine public and private life for its expression.

Examples are not hard to find. The Reagan administration is retreating from programs designed to correct past injustices to minorities and women. The rationale that is offered appeals to a general philosophy of deregulation and the withdrawal of government from many aspects of national life.

There are undoubtedly valid points to such a philosophy. These actions, however, deserve to be examined very closely. Are there hidden values that are racist? Is it not precisely in the area of the protection of the rights of minorities that government is most justified in intervening? Are we finding polite and politically acceptable ways of acting on bigotry?

Away from home, Argentine publisher and writer Jacobo Timerman, a Jew, was arrested, imprisoned and tortured by his government like thousands of his fellow citizens. Unlike many, he survived to tell his story.

Timerman claims, and his position is substantiated by others, that anti-Semitic forces are powerful in Argentina, and that his treatment was more severe because he is Jewish. His book, "Prisoner Without a Name, Cell Without a Number," is a powerful condemnation of political violence and bigotry.

Finally, an example even more remote. There are 400,000 members of the Bahai religion living in Iran. The Bahai faith originated there in the 19th century. Believers have periodically been persecuted. At present, they are in grave danger. Killings, torture and the burning of houses and shops has already begun. In 1980, the governing board of the Iranian Bahai community disappeared and was probably murdered.

The Bahai faith is viewed as a serious heresy by the conservative Moslem circles that control the government. Systematic genocide is a distinct possibility in the near future. Have you heard about this in the media? Are the Bahais mentioned in your classes? Do we wait until the murderer is at our own door?

Timerman describes being tortured repeatedly by electric shock to his genitals. But, he says, such torture was less humiliating to him than "the silent complicity of Jewish leaders" in Argentina. I believe that he is describing the heart of the matter. It is silence that allows the worst to happen.



Opinion

Peace seen as an 'alternative' to nuclear annihilation

The writer is an assistant professor of communication at UNO.

By Bruce E. Johansen

Peace is a communist plot!

We've heard it from President Reagan. We've heard it from Phyllis Schlafly. Now we've heard it from Frank M. Nowak, a UNO engineering student (Gateway, Nov. 17).

The nuclear freeze movement is the product of naive, needle-headed dupes who don't know the realities of the cold cruel world! Anyone not in favor of roasting the world on a radioactive spit should move to Moscow!

Come now.

Such rhetoric would be a little more bearable if its proponents had some sort of peace plan themselves. Instead, most of them simply favor a vague, limitless doctrine called "peace through strength," by which we bankrupt ourselves by turning our nation into a nuclear fortress, meanwhile hoping against hope that none of our vile new toys ever will be used.

The history of warfare suggests otherwise. Weapons, once

developed and deployed, will someday be used, a thought to bear in mind at a time when human technological ingenuity has provided us with weapons so powerful that only a tiny fraction of our arsenal (or theirs) would condemn what remains of our posterity to a hell on earth that would make Dante's visions look like paradise.

Given such a situation, do our self-appointed patriots look for a sane way to reduce armaments on a mutual basis? No. We get, instead, endless rounds of stereotypical claptrap designed to justify more of the same — more money for ever more sophisticated weapons systems, such as the B-1 bomber and the MX missile, designed, we are told, to "keep the peace!"

We are caught in a spiral of Nuclear Macho. One side escalates. The other drags out its clichés of hideous hate and ideological mistrust, and does the same. The pursuit of peace has never been so expensive, nor so risky.

I rather favor Tom Paine's solution. Two hundred years ago, he suggested that the world powers of his time (England, Hol-

land, France and Spain) gather their warships in a single harbor and sink them.

Think of the spectacular we could stage today. Find an empty desert corner, and place a missile in it. Dare the Soviets to match it. Do it again, and again. With any luck, we could bargain ourselves back to bows and arrows, utilizing our national macho for a "peace race." The whole thing could be televised around the world. Tom Paine would love it.

The nuclear freeze movement has little to do with manipulation, and less to do with ideology. It is simply the simultaneous realization by millions of people, of all political hues, that the present course of events is carrying us toward a war that will, indeed, end all wars — as well as the flower of thousands of years of human civilization and beauty.

Beside such stakes, ideology fades. The issue is pure, raw survival. The freeze is not an issue because the Big Bad Bear is punching buttons in our brains. It is an issue because, at last, the people of the world are realistically considering the alternative.

Letters

Letters to the editor are welcomed. They must be signed, but noms de plume can be used upon request. All letters are subject to editing and available space. All letters critical of individuals must be signed by using the first and last name or initials and last name. Letters do not necessarily reflect the views of the Gateway.

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the letter from David Franklin in the Nov. 17 Gateway.

I feel that bringing Angela Davis to UNO to lecture was worthwhile. Besides the G. Gordon Liddy lecture on Nov. 17 that attracted 950 people, the Davis lecture was the second most successful lecture that SPO has sponsored in re-

cent years. More than 700 people attended. This should help Mr. Franklin to see that some people found Angela Davis interesting.

Gayle L. Spencer
Student Director, SPO

To the Editor:

I was both thrilled and disappointed after reading Frank M. Nowak's critique on the nuclear freeze movement in America (Gateway, Nov. 17). Initially, I was quite pleased to see that the Gateway had interrupted its typically leftist journalistic indulgence to present (finally) a statement of patriotism that at the same time rightfully blasts the mis-

guided, Soviet-inspired dupes who claim to be working for peace when they are actually playing into the hands of the communists by attempting to limit our only hope for peace — America's potential for destruction.

What disturbed me is that the Gateway editors obviously sabotaged Frank's letter. Although you printed all of his terrific accusations against those freeze-supporting communist pawns (such as Physicians for Social Awareness and the bulk of the Roman Catholic Church), you left out every last shred of fact or evidence. Clearly a great statesman like Frank M. Nowak would not of-

fer his opinions blindly without being able to back them up. You guys made it look as if his statements were merely unsubstantiated propaganda fueled by some strain of latter-day McCarthyism!

It's a shame that when the Gateway finally prints something pro-American, like a cry for runaway defense spending and the end of human existence as we know it, that it had to mar the occasion by omitting Frank's proof and making Frank himself look like a dupe, tricked by the tired rhetoric of a militaristic administration. Undoubtedly, the Gateway over-edited the article in deference to the bleeding-heart liberalism that seems obligatory of all campus newspapers.

Sadly enough, it is difficult


for most "gullible students" to see the facts clearly, especially when they are censored. After all, if both sides freeze their nuclear arms, they may consequently get the idea to reduce their nuclear arms, and then to reduce their conventional arms. Before long, both sides may lay down their arms altogether, and then you know what we'd have? We'd have peace, that's what, and as Frank Nowak and I both know, peace is bad for the economy.

Michael Cummins

The Gateway does not "sabotage" letters or articles submitted to the editor. Because of space constraints we sometimes must edit the material we receive. The article submitted by Mr. Nowak, when retyped to publica-

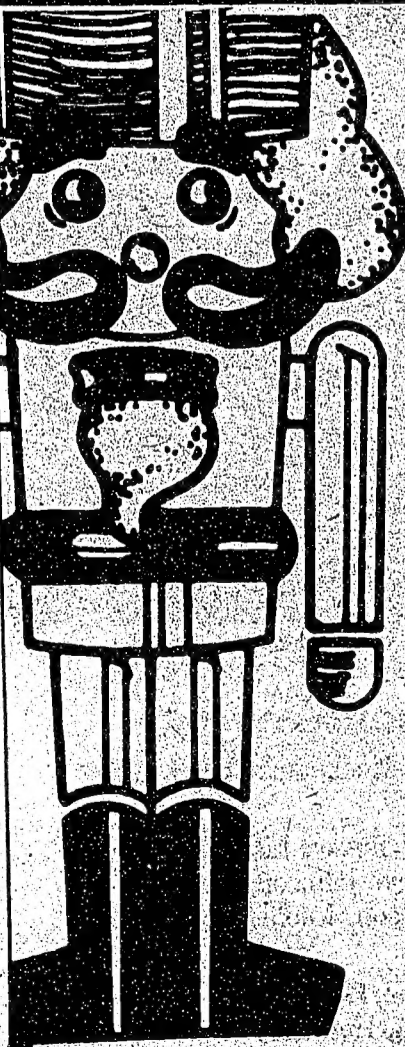
tion specifications, ran more than six pages. After careful editing for space considerations, the article, as printed, remained faithful to the tone and subject matter of the original. This article was treated no differently than any other, and we received no complaints from its author about how it appeared in print. Incidentally, Nowak's article referred to the Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War, not the Physicians for Social Awareness. Also, he referred to Bishop Leroy Matthiesen and the Omaha Ecumenical Peace Council, not "the bulk of the Roman Catholic Church."

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Committee will 'follow up' expenses

Senate seeks budget 'accountability'

The Student Senate has established an Oversight Committee in an effort to ensure that Student Government budget allocations are handled properly.

"The problem is after the money is allocated, Student Government loses track of it," said Sen. William Hyde, an ex-officio member of the new committee.

"I see it as an accountability mechanism," Hyde said. "It's really just a simple follow-up to see if the money was spent the way it was supposed to be."

Hyde, also a member of the senate budget committee, added, "People who apply for allocations must be aware that the money will be followed up. Student Government can no longer take their word on it."

Student Government started the semester with an operating budget of approximately \$180,000, which is collected from Fund A student fees. From that money Student Government allocated funds to various student agencies. In addition, the senate oversees a contingency fund which is designed for special allocations to student organizations.

In the past, Student Government bylaws required the treasurer to follow up on senate allocations. But "the treasurer really doesn't have enough time" to do so, according to former Sen. Richard Velez, who previously served on the budget committee.

"It (the committee) will take some pressure off the treasurer," said Velez.

Hyde said the formation of the committee is partly a reaction to the senate's recent investigation of the Handicapped Students

Organization.

The senate special investigations committee concluded in October that former HSO Director Jim McMahon wrongfully negotiated an outside contract, that he requested unneeded money from the contingency fund, and that he opened an off-campus bank account with himself as the only signatory.

"If the committee is handled well it has a lot of potential," said Hyde. Members of the committee include chairperson Martin Miller, Pat Collins, student representatives Tom Vaiskunas and Bill Harvey, and newly-elected Student President/Regent Ray Mandery, who has ex-officio standing.

Velez noted that "the power of the committee is only to investigate how the money is spent. The rest is given to the Student Senate or Court."

According to Hyde, another benefit of the committee is that it should discourage the number of "blanket" requests for money.

"It's amazing how many people asking for money don't have itemized lists of their costs," he said. Hyde also said the committee will be able to determine if an organization hasn't spent all of its budget requests. "This way, if there is extra money, it can be returned to the Student Government."

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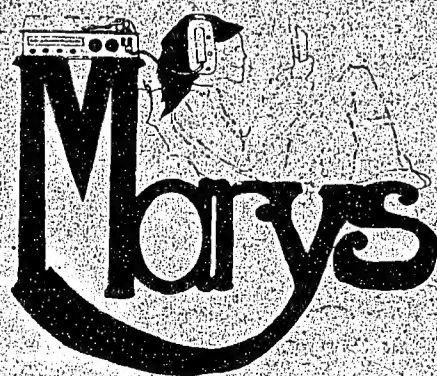
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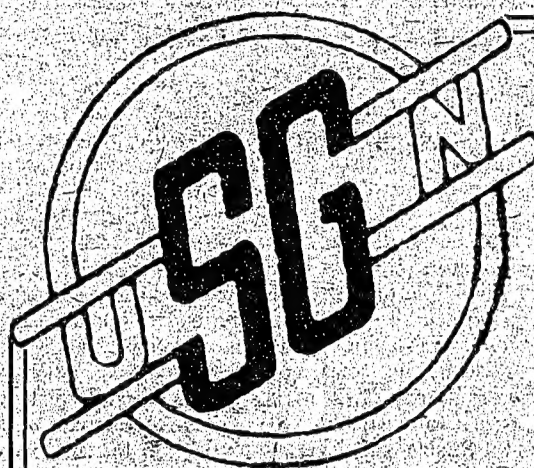
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Government stations in New Zealand provide contrast

Professor says competition aids American TV news

By Chris Mangan

Bob Walker, an assistant professor of communication at UNO, said he spent 10 years complaining about competition and its effect on America's television news.

But that was before he visited New Zealand last summer. New Zealand has two government-owned and -operated television stations but no commercial stations, he said.

New Zealand is isolated. No foreign broadcasts are received and there is no competition between the two government-owned stations, he added.

After studying the "only place in the world that is totally non-competitive" in TV news, Walker said he thinks that America's competitive style produces better newscasts.

Americans would find New Zealand's news shows boring, Walker said. The stories are too long, few graphics are used, and close-ups are not used effectively or often enough.

Walker attributed the lack of quality in the country's broadcasts to the lack of commercial competition, poor management techniques, and a union that "can shut down the station at any time."

In New Zealand, 70 percent of the broadcasters belong to unions, compared to 20 percent in the United States, Walker said.

The union makes it almost impossible to fire "incompetents," and makes some jobs more complex than they need to be through over-regulation, Walker said.

New Zealand broadcasters are "very laid-back," Walker said. Broadcasting is a "nine-to-five" job, and because of the lack of competition, no evening events are covered, he added.

"Forced Social Responsibility" best describes the New Zealand system of news, Walker said. Politicians believe that television shouldn't be controversial and should promote cultural events. The New Zealand ballet is televised live twice a year.

Though he "never saw any censorship," Walker said he also never saw a "story that the government would want to squelch."

The New Zealand broadcasters are "not sophisticated enough to realize that criticism from the prime minister is the ultimate

compliment," Walker said.

Virtually none of the broadcasters in the country have had any journalism or broadcasting education, Walker said.

No school in the country offers a degree in journalism, and only one university offers courses in journalism.

New Zealand broadcasters start their careers as cub reporters for newspapers, Walker said, and move up to radio and then television.

Television New Zealand, one of the government stations, has a training program "on paper, but not in reality," Walker said. Most broadcasters get their training by the "baptism of fire" method.

Walker and Ian Cross, the chairman of the broadcasting corporation of New Zealand, hope to improve the training of New Zealand broadcasters by bringing some of them to the United States to be trained in medium-sized markets, such as Omaha.

Walker also is working on a report to be submitted to the University Committee on Research, which funded his trip.

Based on that report, he said he plans to write a column for "Listener," which Walker called "New Zealand's TV Guide." He also said he plans to submit articles to other magazines and scholarly publications.

Cross and others in New Zealand who cooperated with Walker have urged him to return. Walker said he should know by Dec. 15 whether he will be able to visit again.

Besides his two-month study of New Zealand television, Walker also spent a week in Australia.

Australia's news is "extremely sophisticated," Walker said. Australian broadcasting "seems to take the best parts of the U.S. and Britain, blend them together and add an Australian garnish."

And though Australia's news is much more advanced than New Zealand's, New Zealand's children's programming is "the best I have ever seen."

New Zealand produces all kinds of shows for its children, Walker said, not just cartoons. "They must put all of their creative people in children's programming."

Poor management techniques and union demands are pushing New Zealand stations to "almost (price) themselves out of their own market," Walker said.


"It is cheaper to buy trash like Three's Company than to produce a show of their own," he added.

A recent issue of Listener reported that much of New Zealand programming comes from the United States.

"The Dukes of Hazzard," "Dallas," and "General Hospital" are a few of the shows that are imported.

New Zealand does have good public affairs programming, Walker said.

Each night, stations devote 45 minutes to an expanded news show about the day's top stories. Walker compared the show to the MacNeil/Lehrer Report on PBS.

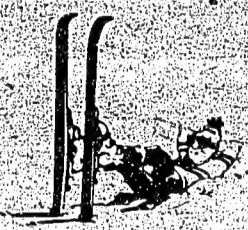


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Sports

Mavs open with two losses in three starts

UNO plays best game in loss to Iowa State

By Eddie Vinovskis

The UNO basketball team faced a stern task last Saturday as they traveled to Ames to take on Iowa State.

Before the game, Coach Bob Hanson said he was "concerned about effort, not winning or losing. The important thing is to play hard and play as a team."

Although Hanson said later that he didn't believe in moral victories, he had to settle for one as UNO played its best basketball this season but still dropped a 69-63 decision to the Cyclones.

Keyed by a tenacious defense switching back and forth from man-to-man to zone, UNO held Iowa State to seven of 28 field goal shooting in the first half. The teams were tied six times but UNO used a late rally to take a 28-25 half-time lead.

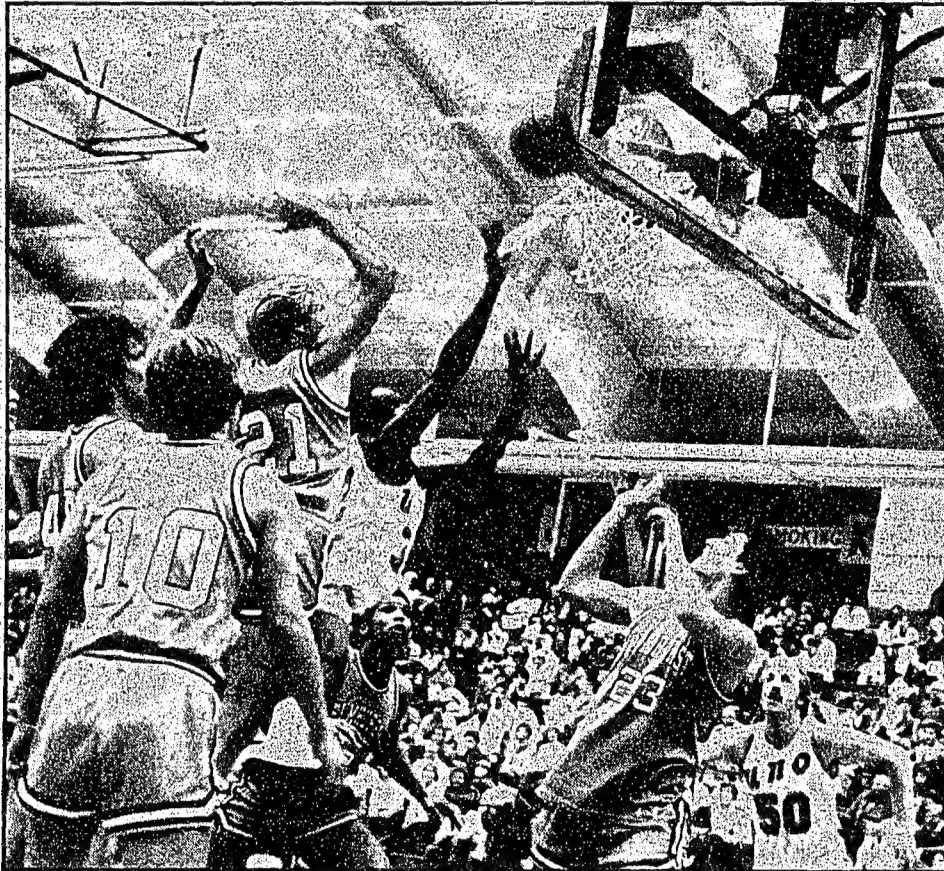
The Mavs were led in the first half by forward Jeff Fichtel (making his first start), who scored eight points. Tony Cunningham, the man Fichtel was replacing, came off the bench to add six points.

Dean Thompson, UNO's leading scorer, had only five points in the first 20 minutes. Hanson switched Thompson to the point guard position, and the 6-1 junior was responsible for running the offense. Previously, he had been the off guard in the UNO attack.

In the second half, Iowa State quickly took a 31-30 lead on a basket by 6-5 forward Barry Stevens. But UNO came right back, outscoring the Cyclones 8-3 to assume a 39-33 lead.

Iowa State regained the momentum and the lead at 45-43 on a 12-4 scoring outburst. UNO held its final edge at 47-45 on a layup by Mike Millies. After that it was all Iowa State.

Led by a line-up of one starter (Stevens) and four reserves, the Cyclones outscored UNO 15-4 to go in front 60-51. The Mavs never got closer than six points after that. Stevens was



In a crowd . . . UNO's Dwayne King (32) drives for the basket, drawing a crowd of Elmhurst players in the process. UNO won the game 70-58.

a thorn in the side of UNO, scoring 28 points, 19 of them in the second half. The Cyclones shot a sizzling 19 of 25 from the field after intermission.

UNO also heated up in the second half with 14 of 21 field goal shooting. They shot 54 percent for the game versus Iowa State's 49 percent.

Thompson scored 17 points in the second half to finish with 22 to pace the Mavs. Fichtel had a total of 13 and Cunningham contributed 12.

Iowa State coach Johnny Orr acknowledged the difficulty his team had with the Mavs. "UNO was excellent at changing their defenses," Orr said. "Bob Hanson and his team did a great job. They did what they had to do against us."

Orr said a big factor in the Cyclones' victory was the increased pressure put on the UNO guards in the second half, which prevented them from getting the ball inside.

Hanson said he was happy that his team played with intensity and was able to control the tempo for much of the contest.

"This game shows that we can have a good team if we continue to improve," Hanson said.

Doane 62, UNO 45

The game, played Nov. 24, was a rare home loss for UNO, which had won 28 of 30 games at the Fieldhouse during the last two seasons.

UNO suffered from a multitude of problems, including 22 turnovers. The Mavs were also outshot from the field, 49 to 43 percent. The difference in the game, however, was that Doane hit 18 free throws compared to three for UNO.

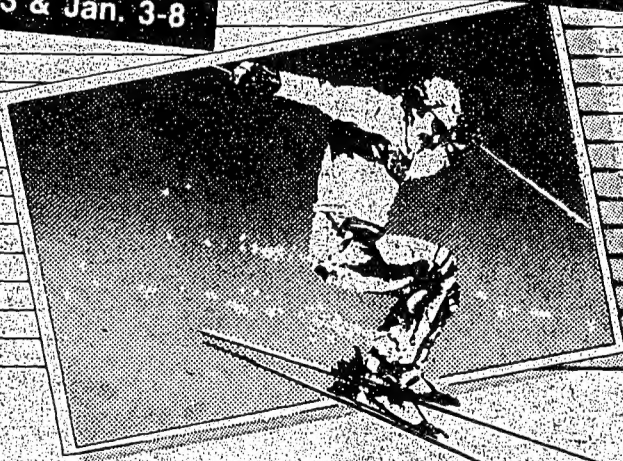
UNO led early but fell behind 10-8 with 14:52 left in the first half.

The teams traded baskets until UNO hit a cold spell. A tip-in by Terry Sodawasser at the 7:47 mark brought the Mavs to within 24-20, but the team was scoreless for the next 6:47 until Thompson hit a 22-foot shot from beyond the top of the key with one minute left in the half.

Between the two UNO baskets, Doane scored (continued on page 10)

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Lady Mavs make up for losses with 'classic' wins

By Eddie Vinovskis
and Roger Hamer

The UNO Lady Mavs held off a second half rally by Oklahoma City to score a 63-57 victory Sunday night in the championship game of the UNO Pepsi Classic basketball tournament.

Though never trailing, UNO was under pressure throughout the contest. Sparked by six early points by Mary Henke-Anderson, the Lady Mavs opened a 14-6 advantage with 14:53 left in the first half.

The Lady Chiefs came right back to forge a 15-15 tie at the 10:07 mark. Moments later, UNO recaptured the lead on a basket by Fran Martin. The Lady Mavs scored the final four points of the half to take a 29-24 lead.

According to UNO head coach Cherri Mankenber, the Lady Mavs made no major half-time adjustments.

"On offense, we wanted to remain patient and avoid getting into a run-and-gun game," said Mankenber. "Defensively, we stayed in our basic 2-1-2 zone, but we wanted to make it tougher for their guards to shoot from outside."

The Lady Mavs began the second half on a shooting streak. Led by four points each by Anderson and Lisa Linthacum, UNO outscored Oklahoma City 10-2, and took its biggest lead of the game at 39-26 with 14:48 left.

Oklahoma City quickly responded with eight straight points in one minute to get back into the game 39-34.

UNO's Vicki Edmonds connected on a baseline shot to build the margin back to eight at 45-37. The Lady Chiefs refused to give up and cut the lead to 47-45 with 5:32 left.

UNO answered with two clutch Julie Hengemuehler free throws, an Edmonds inside shot off an assist from Martin, and two free throws by Martin. The Lady Mavs led 55-45 with 3:53 left.

The UNO advantage increased to 12 with



Trapped . . . LaCrosse's Terri Schumacher (44) looks for help against UNO defenders Carmella Johnson (22) and Tammy Castle (14).

1:12 remaining, but Oklahoma City scored the last six points of the game to make the score respectable.

Both teams suffered through poor shooting nights. UNO hit just 26 of 65 shots for 40 percent, while Oklahoma City shot 25 of 73 for 34 percent.

Though the Lady Mavs committed five more turnovers, they had a big advantage from the free throw line, connecting on 11 of 18. Oklahoma City hit only seven of their 17 attempts.

Oklahoma City was led in scoring by guards Catherine Walker and Tammy Terry with 17 and 13 points, respectively.

The Lady Mavs were led by their two post players, Anderson and Linthacum. Anderson had 16 points while Linthacum finished with 12, 10 of those coming in the second half. Lin-

thacum was forced to the bench midway through the first half with three personal fouls.

Both Anderson and Linthacum were named to the all-tournament team announced at the conclusion of the championship game.

"I was pleased with how we played, especially how we maintained our patience and worked hard under the boards," Mankenber said. "This tournament has really helped our kids gain confidence."

The Lady Mavs advanced to the finals by defeating Regis College 61-40 and Wisconsin-LaCrosse 65-44.

Against Regis, Linthacum scored 13 points and Anderson added eight points and nine rebounds to lead UNO. The Lady Mavs shot 54 percent from the field to open a 36-18 margin at intermission.

Linthacum again paced UNO to a victory as she pumped in 18 points in the win over Wisconsin-LaCrosse. She also had nine rebounds.

Anderson scored 14 points and Martin came off the bench to score 11 as the Lady Mavs built a 39-15 halftime advantage.

The Lady Mavs opened their season by losing its first two games at the Augustana tournament Nov. 19 and 20. The defending NCC champs dropped decisions to Northern Iowa, 78-62, and Mankato State 63-61.

Northern Iowa's Lisa Geske scored 16 points and pulled down nine rebounds to lead the Panthers. Carol Hogen added 14 points and 15 rebounds, while Deb Drenth had 14 points and nine rebounds as the Panthers jumped to a 40-20 halftime lead.

For UNO, Carmella Johnson and Anderson each scored 11 points.


Mankenber explained the UNO loss to Northern Iowa. "This season we opened up with a more difficult schedule than in the past," Mankenber said. "Opening on the road against Northern Iowa, a Division I school, was rougher than we've had before."


"We felt the pain from the Northern Iowa game the next night," she added.

The following evening, the Lady Mavs were defeated by two free throws by Anne Christopherson with 10 seconds left, resulting in a 63-61 loss to Mankato State.

Edmonds missed a field goal attempt with 15 seconds left and Mankato grabbed the rebound. After being fouled, Christopherson hit the winning points. UNO was led by Linthacum's 29 points, while Julie Hengemuehler added 14 points. Linthacum and Hengemuehler each pulled down 15 rebounds.

UNO, 3-2, plays three consecutive home games during the next week. Friday, the Lady Mavs play Grandview at the Fieldhouse at 5:45 p.m. Saturday, Morningside comes to town as does Augustana on Dec. 7.


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UNO opens basketball season on shaky note

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red 10 straight points to build a commanding 34-22 lead. The Tigers added a free throw to extend their margin to 35-22 at the intermission.

The second half proved to be primarily a holding pattern for Doane. Ten points was the closest the Mavs could get, at 40-30, on an acrobatic double-pump bank shot by freshman guard Dwayne King.

Displaying patience and discipline, Doane was content to hold the ball the latter portion of the game and nurse its comfortable lead. Forced to gamble on defense, UNO fouled repeatedly, and Doane scored 13 of its final 17 points from the free throw line.

Doane was paced by versatile 6-8 junior center Steve Bartek. Along with snaring a team-high nine rebounds, he scored 28 points, hitting a variety of shots from both inside and outside. Russ Hansen added support by chipping in with 16 points.

Sodawasser led UNO with 10 rebounds and 14 points. All seven of his field goals came on tips and inside shots. Thompson was held to 12 points, 10 of them in the first half. Stopped from penetrating by Doane's defense, Thompson was forced to shoot from long range all

night.

Hanson was displeased with many facets of the team's performance. "We didn't carry out our game plan to take the ball inside. Doane isn't very deep and we hoped to get them into foul trouble," he said.

Twelve offensive rebounds by Doane also concerned Hanson. "It's a fundamental thing; we just need to check off under the boards," he said.

Whereas Doane played together, Hanson said his team didn't. "We're still having growing pains," he said. "We're too over-cautious and not really getting into our offense."

The poor UNO showing surprised Hanson because he said the team had three good days of practice before the game. Hanson took note of the fact that some people expect too much from Thompson. "We can't live and die with Dean Thompson; Dean can't carry us," Hanson said. "I don't want a one-man basketball team. Our other players are capable of scoring and we need a balanced team."

UNO 70, Elmhurst 58

UNO opened the season on Nov. 19 in the Fieldhouse before an estimated 3,000 fans. Thompson led the Mavs in scoring with 20

points, hitting eight of 13 shots from the field and four of four from the free throw line.

Elmhurst was paced by 6-3 forward Mike Lischewski who scored 22 points, 16 of them in the first half.

According to Hanson, one of the keys to the victory was the defensive job done on Lischewski in the second half by Fichtel.

He held Lischewski to just two points in the first 18 minutes of the second half.

Fichtel also scored 12 points. He shared game-high rebounding honors at seven with teammates Cunningham and Dan Rust.

The Mavs outrebounded the Bluejays 45-29 and held a 50 to 43 percent shooting edge, pulling away from Elmhurst in the final 10 minutes of the game.

UNO scored four straight points in the final 30 seconds of the opening half for a 36-31 half-time margin. The Bluejays stayed within striking distance by sinking 15 of 22 free throws while the Mavs hit on two of three attempts.

"I was disappointed in how we played in the first half," Hanson said. "We had too many turnovers (11) and we weren't playing with enough intensity, especially on defense."

The game remained relatively close in the second half as UNO maintained a three to seven

point lead.

But the Mavs' superior depth and size began to tell as UNO had a 17-3 scoring streak that led to a 66-48 advantage with three minutes left in the game. Thompson led the way during this stretch with eight points, half of them on free throws.

Hanson said he didn't take Elmhurst lightly. "I was concerned about this game. Elmhurst is well-coached and they were small and scrappy, and those kind of teams are always tough to play," he said.

"We put more pressure on them defensively, improved our rebounding and cut down on the turnovers," he said. "Our players were able to adjust in the second half and I'm happy about that."

Despite the Mavs' commanding 45-29 edge in rebounds, Hanson wasn't overly jubilant. "We didn't play against a real good rebounding team so it wasn't a particularly good test for us," he said.

UNO's big men got into trouble early as Cunningham and Sodawasser each picked up three fouls and Millies two. "That's something we can work on in practice, and it's largely a matter of better discipline on the part of our players," Hanson said.

Sport notes

The UNO women's volleyball team, ranked 12th in the Division II national polls with a 39-12 record, received an invitation to participate in the 16-team Division II volleyball tournament Dec. 3-4.

The Lady Mavs travel to Big Rapids, Mich., to face Ferris State in the opening round. Ferris State is ranked 10th in Division II. The other two teams in UNO's division are Cal State-Sacramento and Lewis University.

UNO picked to win NCC

UNO was selected by a majority of 32 area sportswriters to win the North Central Conference basketball championship in 1982-83. UNO got the nod by a slim 280 to 265 point margin over North Dakota State. The defending NCC champs, North Dakota, were picked to finish third.

The Mavs received 11 first place votes, while the Bison received six. Fourth-place Augustana received 10 first place votes, but UNO was selected as the conference favorite by virtue of 11 second-place votes.

South Dakota State was picked to finish fifth, while Northern Colorado was selected sixth. South Dakota seventh, Mankato State eighth, Morningside ninth and St. Cloud State 10th.

Four named to All-NCC team

Conference champion North Dakota State claimed seven spots on the 26-man All-North Central Conference football team selected by league football coaches.

The Bison were followed by Northern Colorado, with six selections, while North Dakota and UNO each placed four members on the squad.

UNO defensive tackle John Walker was picked for the team for the third straight year, and Mav center Marty Rocca was selected for the second time. Other UNO players to be honored were linebacker Tim Carlson and cornerback Chuck Spencer. Walker also was tabbed as the most valuable defensive lineman.

Two other UNO players were selected for the second team. Defensive tackle Jerry Skow and offensive lineman Jim Dietz were cited for their performances this past season.



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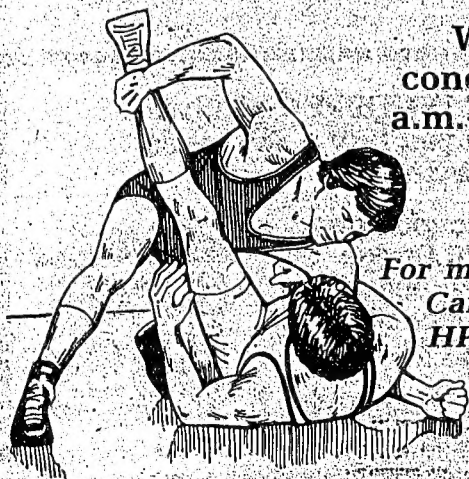
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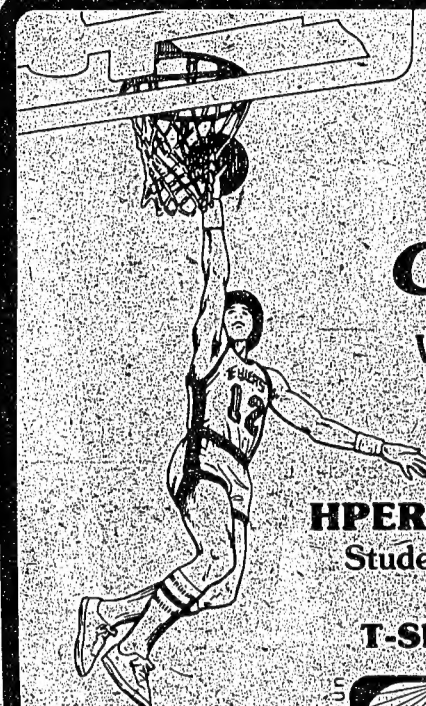
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